

WHAT IS CLAIMED

1. A method of playing a player-banked poker-type card game comprising at least one player making at least one ante wager in the poker-type game:

5 each player placing at least one ante wager to participate in the game;

at least one player receiving a first number of cards as a partial player hand and a dealer receiving a second number of cards as a partial banker hand, the second number of cards having at least one card more than the first number of cards received by the player, the first number of cards and the second number of cards forming partial player hands and a partial banker hand, respectively;

10 providing a set of community cards that are used by the banker and the at least one player to complete the partial banker hand and partial player hands;

exposing one of the banker's cards to provide an exposed banker card;

15 compelling the dealer to discard the exposed banker's card if the rank of the exposed banker's card is within a first range of values and compelling the dealer to discard an unexposed banker's card if the exposed banker's card is within a second range of values that is different from the first range of values to determine a rank of the banker's hand;

20 resolving the at least one ante wager according to rules of the poker-type game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming a multiple-card banker poker hand and multiple-card player poker hands from a) the community cards and banker's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one player's cards, respectively.

25 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or a rank of 10.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

5. The method of claim 1 and further comprising the player playing an optional additional Ante wager that may be placed in proportion to the ante.

10 6. A method of playing a poker-type game comprising at least one player making at least two independent ante wagers in the poker-type game:

- a player making a first ante wager to participate in the game;
- a player making a second ante wager to participate in the same game;
- at least one player receiving a first number of cards and a dealer receiving a
- 15 second number of cards, the second number of cards being at least one card more than the first number of cards received by the player, wherein the received cards separately form a part of the player and banker hands;
- providing a set of community cards that are used by the dealer and the player to complete the player hands and banker hand;
- 20 exposing one of the dealer's cards to provide an exposed banker card;
- compelling the dealer to discard at least one card from the banker's cards;
- after the dealer has been compelled to discard the at least one card, allowing the player to withdraw at least one of the at least two ante wagers;
- resolving any ante wager still in play according to rules of the poker type game,
- 25 with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple-card banker hand and multiple-card player poker hands from a) the community cards and the banker's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one player's cards, respectively.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank.

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8. The method of claim 7 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or a rank of 10.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X at least the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

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10. The method of claim 9 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

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11. A method of playing a player-banked poker-type card game comprising:
at least one player making at least two independent ante wagers in the poker-type game;

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a dealer receiving cards and at least one player receiving cards, the cards representing part of a banker's hand and part of a player's hand, respectively;

allowing the player under certain conditions to withdraw at least one of the at least two ante wagers, leaving at least one wager remaining in play;

providing a set of community cards that are used by the dealer and the player to complete the banker and player hands; and

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resolving the at least one wager remaining in play according to rules of the poker type game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple-card player hands and a multiple-card banker poker hand from a) the community cards and player's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one dealer's cards, respectively.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein a number of cards provided to the dealer and player is three and two, respectively, and a first one of the dealer's cards is exposed, wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank and discard one of the unexposed cards.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the dealer must discard the exposed dealer's card when the exposed dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or 10.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the two Ante bets are equal.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein a second Ante bet is limited to 3X a first Ante bet.

18. The method of claim 14, wherein when the condition of the dealer's revealed card is an Ace, the player must play both Antes and the dealer retains all dealer cards to play a best five out of six cards.

19. The method of claim 14, wherein when the player's hand is a pair or better, the player is permitted to play both Antes.

20. The method of claim 14, wherein when the dealer's revealed card is a King, the player must play both Antes, and the dealer must discard a down card.

21. A method of playing a wagering game comprising the steps of:

- 5 a player making at least a first ante wager to participate in the game;
- a player optionally making a second ante wager in an amount that varies at the option of the player;
- a player optionally making a side bet wager on an occurrence of one or more predetermined high-ranking hands;
- 10 a dealer dealing X cards to each player and X plus n cards to the dealer to form partial player and dealer hands, the dealer exposing one dealer card;
- a dealer dealing Y community card(s) used to complete player and dealer hands;
- a dealer discarding the exposed card when the card is within a first predefined range of values; a dealer discarding an unexposed card when the exposed card is within a second predefined range of values;
- 15 each player determining which ante or ante bets to keep in play;
- exposing the community cards; and forming dealer and player hands of X plus Y cards; and
- 20 resolving each ante bet remaining in play, as well as any bonus bet in play.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the second ante bet is between 1X and 5X the first ante bet.

25 23. The method of claim 21 wherein the side bet wager is on the occurrence of a plurality of predetermined winning combinations.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein X is equal to 3, Y is equal to 2 and n is equal to 1 and the game is a form of five-card poker.

25. The method of claim 21 wherein the first predefined range of values is a 9 or lower.

5 26. The method of claim 21 wherein the second predefined range of values is a 10 through a King.

27. The method of claim 21, and further comprising the step of requiring the player to keep both ante bets in play when the dealer's exposed card is an Ace.

10 28. The method of claim 21, wherein the player is permitted to keep both Ante bets at risk when the player holds a pair.

15 29. The method of claim 21 wherein when the player and dealer's hands are of equal rank, the ante bet or bets at risk in the game are a push.

30. The method of claim 21, wherein when the player makes and wins the optional side bet, the player is paid a maximum of 50:1 and is also paid even money on at least the second ante bet.

20 31. The method of claim 31, and further comprising the player also being paid even money on the first ante bet.

25 32. The method of claim 21, where the dealer forms his best hand of X plus Y cards from all cards that have not been discarded.